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STATEMENT FILED PURSUANT TO THE DUTY OF DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement, ORIGINALLY FILED JULY 16, 2004, IS RESUBMITTED AT THE REQUEST OF THE EXAMINER. The originally filed information disclosure statement was filed before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

No fee or certification is believed to be required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications (copies PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED AND NOT ENCLOSED HEREWITH) that may contain subject matter related to this application:

Serial Number	Filing Date	Inventor	Docket Number
10/769,282	January 30, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70048US01
110/769,626	January 30, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70083US01
110/787,737	February 26, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70083US02
¹ 10/788,191	February 26, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70083US04
¹ 10/788,199	February 26, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70083US03
110/789,051	February 26, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70083US06
110/789,353	February 26, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70083US07
110/789,536	February 26, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70083US05
10/811,226	March 26, 2004	Wagner et al.	C1041.70005US01
10/816,220	April 1, 2004	McCluskie et al.	C1037.70039US01
² 10/817,165	April 2, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70048US02
² 10/831,647	April 23, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70048US03
10/831,775	April 23, 2004	Davis et al.	C1039.70058US01
10/831,778	April 23, 2004	Bratzler et al.	C1037.70013US01
10/838,659	May 3, 2004	Davis et al.	C1039.70057US01
² 10/847,642	May 15, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70048US04
110/847,650	May 15, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70083US08
10/872,196	June 18, 2004	Lipford et al.	C1041.70036US01
10/876,892	June 25, 2004	Wagner et al.	C1041.70002US03
310/876,965	June 25, 2004	Wagner et al.	C1041.70002US02
³ 10/877,369	June 25, 2004	Wagner et al.	C1041.70002US01
² 10/877,407	June 24, 2004	Krieg et al.	C1039.70048US05
10/884,372	July 2, 2004	Bauer et al.	C1041.70016US01

PART III: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that the information cited in the Statement is, or is considered to be, in fact, prior art as defined by 35 U.S.C. §102.

Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

¹See C1039.70083US01, Serial No. 10/769,626 for identical specification

²See C1039.70048US01, Serial No. 10/769,282 for identical specification

³See C1041.70002US03, Serial No. 10/876,892 for identical specification

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